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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1615"  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Claudio CAVAZZA

: EXAMINER: G. KISHORE

SERIAL NO: 09/777,874 :

FILED: FEBRUARY 7, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1615

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING CARNITINE OR  
ALKANOYL L-CARNITINE FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF  
DISEASES BROUGHT ABOUT BY LIPID METABOLISM DISORDERS

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 11, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

--11. (Twice amended) A composition comprising:

(i) a first component selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, a salt thereof and an ester thereof; and

(ii) a second component selected from the group consisting of a hydroxycitric acid and a hydroxycitric acid derivative,